



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5149

February Session, 2018



AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free
3 residence where (1) unrelated adults who are recovering from a
4 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive
5 environment during their recovery, and (2) no formal substance use
6 disorder treatment services are provided.

7 (b) A sober living home that is certified as a recovery residence by
8 an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences, or a
9 successor organization, may report its certified status to the
10 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. A sober living
11 home that reports its certified status to the department shall provide
12 the department with the number of beds available in the sober living
13 home at the time of its report and upon request of the department. The
14 department shall post on its Internet web site a list of the sober living
15 homes that have reported their certified status pursuant to this section
16 and the number of beds available at each such sober living home. The
17 department shall update the list of sober living homes and the bed
18 availability at each sober living home on a daily basis.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b), the first sentence was reworded for accuracy and clarity.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*